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Advanced Life Support (ALS) Technologies List Version 2

SUMMARY: This list of potential ALS technologies is intended to be as comprehensive as possible so that it can be used to guide trade off studies that search for the best possible combination(s) of technologies for future missions. Here 'ALS technologies' is very broad, meaning any technology that has a significant interaction with the traditional life support functions of providing fresh air and water.

A major element of the ALS project is the BIO-Plex ground test bed, which will be used for integrated testing of many of these ALS technologies. In order to limit the cost of the BIO-Plex project, it is desirable to not construct the facility to accommodate an infinite array of test articles. As a result of a joint meeting between BIO-Plex representatives, SMAP and ALS Research and Technology Development (R&TD) representatives, a preliminary recommendation is made below with respect to which technologies should be specifically accommodated for during the BIO-Plex infrastructure development. These technologies are indicated below with a $\sqrt{\ }$. Some technologies were deemed less desirable near term for BIO-Plex, primarily based on too high or low a TRL level, low likelihood of future development or limited applicability to the BIO-Plex facility. This does not mean that other technologies can never be added, just that they will not be specifically planned for at the present time. Technology evaluation efforts will continue and results will be reported to all elements of the ALS Program.

The mass, power and volume values listed are based on a crew of 6 and a mission duration of 400 days. The technologies on this list are as specific as possible and, in general, represent development efforts, which are currently ongoing. The list will be updated as additional information becomes available. Any missing values are yet to be determined (TBD) at this time. Please report any suggested additions or corrections for this draft to the author (281) 333-7384 or e-mail at bruce.duffield@lmco.com.

The definitions of TRL are as follows:

TRL 1 – Basic principles observed and reported

TRL 2 - Technology concept formulated

TRL 3 – Critical function proof-of-concept

TRL 4 - Component or breadboard validated in a laboratory

TRL 5 - Components validated in a relevant environment

TRL 6 – Prototype demonstrated in a relevant environment

TRL 7 – Prototype demonstrated in a space environment

TRL 8 – Design flight qualified

TRL 9 – System flight proven in mission operations

LIFE SUPPORT SUBSYSTEMS:

AIR

CO₂ Removal

• LiOH - Lithium hydroxide for CO2 removal without regeneration, high resupply rate.

 $2LiOH + CO_2 \longrightarrow Li_2CO_3 + H_2O$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9	0	623	1.9
comment: ECLSS A	analysis Tool v 2.0		

• $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Molecular Sieve (4BMS)}}}$ - In the 4BMS 2 synthetic zeolites beds are used alternately for absorption and desorption of CO_2 from the atmosphere in conjunction with 2 moisture removal beds.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
8	1000	255	1.55		
comment: BVAD (values given are for 4BMS)					

• $\sqrt{\text{Molecular Sieve (2BMS)}}$ - The 2BMS uses a functional carbon molecular sieve and moisture removal beds are not needed.

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
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comment:				

Solid Amine Water Desorption (SAWD) - A steam heated solid amine (WA-21) is used
instead of the zeolite bed in the 2BMS. Solid amine degrades with time requiring bed
changeouts & moisture is released adding load to the Condensing Heat Exchanger. The
SAWD doesn't require vacuum conditions like the 4BMS and 2BMS. The amine is no
longer available.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
5	570	55	0.04
comment: ECLSS A	analysis Tool v 2.0		

• $\sqrt{\text{Solid}}$ Amine Vacuum Desorption (SAVD) (Water save CO₂) (new amine) Like the SAWD except uses vacuum to pull CO₂ and H₂O from the solid amine beds. If not venting to space vacuum, compressor development is required and TRL is lowered to the level of compressor development.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3	122	80	0.15
comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0			

• Solid Amine Vacuum Desorption (SAVD) (RCRS amine with no water saver) (old amine) Like the SAWD except uses vacuum to pull CO₂ and H₂O from the solid amine beds

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9	122	80	0.15
comment: ECLSS A	nalysis Tool v 2.0		

• Electrochemical Depolarization Concentrator (EDC) - Combines CO₂ with H₂ & O₂ (fire or explosion risk). EDC is a net power generator.

$$CO_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2 \longrightarrow CO_2 + H_2O + Elec.energy + Q_{heat}$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
5	44	42	0.06
comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0			

• $\sqrt{\text{Air Polarized Concentrator (APC)}}$ - Like the EDC but doesn't require H₂, *i.e.* safer but is a net power consumer.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³			
4	285	42	0.06			
comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0						

• Electroactive carriers within membranes - Fixed within membranes capable of binding CO₂ in the reduced state and releasing CO₂ in the oxidized state. Low TRL.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

- Membrane Removal To date has shown inadequate selectivity for CO2.
- √√Green Plants Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂. See BPS technologies for more details.

TRL for gas conversion (wheat in
JSC Phase III test)
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Algal Systems - Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment: TRL giv	en for US or Japanes	e technology; Russiar	n technology TRL 5

 √√Enzyme facilitated CO₂ capture - Seen at the ALS poster session at the Center for Advanced Space Studies March 1999, work of Dr. Michael Tractenberg, (see Sandra Brasseaux for details).

TRL	MASS, kg	POWER, W	VOLUME, m ³
3			

• $\sqrt{\text{CO}_2}$ compressor

TRL	MASS, kg	POWER, W	VOLUME, m ³
3			

CO₂ Reduction

• $\sqrt{\text{Sabatier}}$ - produces water and methane. Uses high temp. (450 - 800 K)

$$CO_2 + 4H_2 \longrightarrow CH_4 + 2H_2O + heat$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
6	130	31	0.01		
comment: Mars Transit Habitat Environmental Control & Life Support System.,					
Chin H. Lin, 1/15/9	Chin H. Lin, 1/15/98./ Vol ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0				

• $\sqrt{\text{Bosch}}$ - produces Carbon and water. Uses high temp. (700 - 1000 K)

$$CO_2 + H_2 \longrightarrow C + 2H_2O + heat$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4	242	68	0.09
comment: ECLSS A	nalysis Tool v 2.0		

• √√ACRS - a Sabatier, g/l separator and Carbon Formation Reactor (CFR), CFR packs carbon better than Bosch but uses operating temp of 1100 K. Sabatier Rx with methane conversion to carbon.

$$CH_4 \longrightarrow C + 2H_2$$

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
3	400	180	0.30	
comment: NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook.				

• $\sqrt{\text{CO}_2}$ Electrolysis (zirconia system)- Under development for ISRU. Reduces CO_2 & produces O_2 but operates at high temp (1100 K) and low TRL.

$$CO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow CO + H_2O + H_2$$

$$CO \longrightarrow C + CO_2$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

• $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Green Plants}}}$ - Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂. See BPS technologies for more details.

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comment: TRL given for US or Japanese technology; Russian technology TRL 5				

• Microchannel CO2 Reduction

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
comment:			

O2 Generation & Delivery

• $\sqrt{\text{Solid Polymer Water Electrolysis (SPWE)}}$ - Uses solid polymer electrolyte to produce O_2 from water.

Electrolysis Rx.

$$2H_2O + Energy \longrightarrow 2H_2 + O_2 + heat$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
7	1021	64	0.05
comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0			

• Static Feed Water Electrolysis (SFWE) - Uses aqueous electrolyte to produce O₂ from water.

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3	959	54	0.03
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{CO}_2}$ Electrolysis - Reduces CO_2 & produces O_2 but operates at high temp (1100 K). (see above in CO_2 reduction)

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

- $\sqrt{\text{Green Plants}}$ Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂. (see above in CO₂ reduction)
- Algal Systems Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂. (see above in CO₂ reduction)

• Artificial Gill - Binds O₂ from low concentration streams by combining O₂ with organometallic compounds like hemoglobin. Could be used to recover O₂ from plant chambers or the Martian atmosphere.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
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comment:		•		

• $\sqrt{\sqrt{O_2}}$ Concentrator (COTS)

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

Diluent Gas Supply

• $\sqrt{\text{Gas storage}}$ - high pressure liquid or gaseous N₂

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
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comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0				

• Thermal Catalytic Dissociation of hydrazine or ammonia to N2

$$3N_2H_2 \longrightarrow N_2 + 4NH_3 + heat$$

$$4NH_3 + heat \longrightarrow 2N_2 + 6H_2$$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2-9?			
comment:			

√√Argon Recovery Bed –

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
comment:			

Trace Contaminant Control System (TCCS)

• √√Activated Charcoal Adsorption

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Photo catalyst oxidation}}$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{ISS}}}$ Baseline TCCS

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
6	244	83	0.25	
comment: ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0				

• $\sqrt{\text{Improved TCCS}}$ (see John Graf) - features a regenerable sorbent bed that is regenerated using space vacuum

regenerates abung space vacatum				
TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
5	128	77	0.13	
comment: BVAD				

• √√Regenerable Air Purification System (RAPS) - (NASA (ARC) & Vanderbilt U. joint effort) use of a humidity-swing desorption cycle, which uses less power than a thermal desorption cycle and requires no venting of air and water to space vacuum.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:		•	

• Biological Air Filter - Contains a liquid phase, containing microbes, separated by the gas phase (air) by membranes.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Soil Reactor Beds (SRB)}}$ - Air movement through living soil that supports a population of plants.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

- Air Quality Monitoring
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{Rice Sniffer}}$
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{E-nose}}$

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1	5		
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BIOMASS

- Lighting
 - Direct Lighting
 - 1. √√High Pressure Sodium
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Light Emitting Diodes (LED)}}$
 - 3. Fluorescent issue with scaling up
 - 4. $\sqrt{\text{Microwaves}}$ potential power saver
 - 5. Solar Space Greenhouse

	TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
1	6					
2	7					
3	4					
4	5					
5	2					
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- Indirect Lighting
 - 1. Fiber Optic
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Light Pipe}}$

	TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³	
1	4				
2	4				
comment:					

- Heat Removal Systems for Lighting
 - 1. √√Water Jacketed High Pressure Sodium
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Cold Plate}}$
 - 3. $\sqrt{\text{Air Heat Exchangers}}$
 - 4. Barriers
 - a. $\sqrt{\text{Teflon}}$
 - b. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Tempered glass}}}$
 - c. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Lexan}}}$
 - d. Water

	TRL
1	4
2	6
3	6
4a	4
4b	5
4c	4
4d	4

- Nutrient/Water Delivery
 - 1. √√Solid Media
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Hydroponics}}$
 - 3. Aeroponics

	TRL
1	4
2	5
3	4

- Nutrient Composition Management
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{On demand}}$
 - a. Conductivity
 - b. Ion Specific
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Model Based}}$

	TRL
1a	5
1b	3
2	4

- Nutrient Sources
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{Pure chemicals}}$
 - 2. Resource recovery
 - a. $\sqrt{\text{BSAB/Compost}}$
 - b. $\sqrt{\sqrt{Incineration}}$
 - c. $\sqrt{Waste\ water\ recovery}$

	TRL	
1	5	
2a	4	
2b	3	
2c	2	

- Specialized Harvest & planting equipment
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{Tray Lid Conveyor}}$
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Tray Lift}}$
 - 3. $\sqrt{\text{Processing Conveyor}}$
 - 4. $\sqrt{\text{Tray Lid}}$
 - a. Support Frame
 - b. Rooting Matrix
 - 5. $\sqrt{\text{Automated Seeder}}$
 - 6. $\sqrt{\text{Harvester}}$
 - 7. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Germination cabinet}}}$
 - 8. $\sqrt{\text{Crop dryer}}$

	TRL
1	4
2	4
3	4
4a	4
4b	4
5	2
6	2
7	3
8	2

- $\sqrt{\text{Plant Health Monitors TRL}(4)}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Higher productivity crops. TRL}(2)}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Shorter crops. TRL}(2)}$

FOOD

- 1. $\sqrt{\text{Extruder}}$ uses shear force, > temperature and > pressure to convert plant material into edible food ingredients. Increases available food texture and variety. Current models have high power usage, produce high degree of waste, are heavy and require high crew time.
- 2. $\sqrt{\text{Grain/Flour Mill}}$ convert various food crops to flour. Current models are noisy & heavy.
- 3. $\sqrt{\text{Soy Milk Machine}}$ Needed for processing soybeans to milk, tofu (used as meat substitute) etc. Current models are difficult to clean.
- 4. $\sqrt{\text{Food processor}}$
- 5. $\sqrt{\text{Bread machine}}$
- 6. $\sqrt{\text{Dishwasher}}$
- 7. $\sqrt{\text{Refrigerator}}$
- 8. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Freezer}}}$ (active & passive)
- 9. $\sqrt{\text{Dehydrator}}$
- 10. $\sqrt{\text{Press}}$ (oil extraction hydraulic)
- 11. $\sqrt{\text{Pasta press}}$
- 12. √√Automatic tofu/milk (ProSoya)

13. $\sqrt{\sqrt{Galley}}$

- a. Specialty faucet
- b. Triple compartment sink
- 14. $\sqrt{\text{Stovetop}}$
- 15. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{Toaster oven}}}$
- 16. $\sqrt{\text{Mixer}}$
- 17. $\sqrt{\text{V}}$ Convection Oven
- 18. \sqrt{N} Bagel Maker
- 19. √√Blender

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4	4					
5	5					
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7	3					
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14	3					
15	4					
16	4					
17	4					
18	4					
19	4					
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THERMAL

Heat Acquisition

• \sqrt{Aluminum Coldplates}

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9			
comment:			

• √√Condensing HX's

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Avionics air HX's}}$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9			
comment:			

- Adsorbent/desiccant H2O removal
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{solid}}$
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{liquid}}$

	TRL
1	6
2	4

• $\sqrt{\text{Cold plate shelf}}$ - integrate with structures, metal or composite, possible incorporation of heat pipes

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Carbon velvet heat exchanger}}$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3-5?			
comment:			

Fault tolerant heat exchangers

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3			
comment:			

- Thermal storage note: expand technologies list to include specific technologies
- √√Cooling jacket

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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Heat Transport

• √√Single-phase pumped loop

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
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comment:					

Low-power two-phase pumped loop

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

- Vapor compression heat pump
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{Solar powered}}$
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Conventional}}$

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2	6				
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• $\sqrt{\text{Internal heat pump}}$ - for low temperature loads

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
6			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Thermal-powered heat pump}}$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

- Fluids that can be used inside and outside the spacecraft (single phase)
 - 1. $\sqrt{\text{Water}}$
 - 2. $\sqrt{\text{Freon}}$

	TRL	POWER,	MASS,	VOLUME, m ³
		W	kg	
1	9			
2	3			
comment:				

Heat Rejection

• Aluminum radiators

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
9			
comment:			

Flexible fabric radiators - metal or carbon

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2			
comment:			

Laminate radiators

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2			
comment:			

Laminate loop heat pipe

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2			
comment:			

• Composite radiators

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

Mars convection device

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2			
comment:			

• Parabolic radiator shade

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
5			
comment:			

Radiator surface cleaning and refreshing

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

• Water membrane evaporator (WME)

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3			
comment:			

• New Sublimator

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

WASTE

• Store waste

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
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comment:					

P/C fullup

1. $\sqrt{\text{Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO)}}$ - No catalyst needed. Can reuse most of the heat generated. Produces potable water from all input waste waters. Operates 647 K & 2.21 x 10^7 Pa.

- 2. $\sqrt{\text{Wet Oxidation}}$ High temp & pressure oxidation of wet slurries. Output depends on the temperature and pressure used. Particularly attractive in conjunction with plants as CO_2 is produced.
- 3. $\sqrt{\text{Combustion/Incineration}}$ Requires evaporation prior to combustion. Highly oxidized waste products. Highly inefficient.
- 4. Electrochemical Oxidation Non- thermal (oxidizes with catalytic electrodes) and doesn't use atmospheric O₂. Less power requirements than SCWO, Wet Oxidation or Combustion/Incineration.
- 5. IRAD -
- Partial Biological Digestion/Composting
 - 6. $\sqrt{\sqrt{\text{composting}}}$
 - 7. $\sqrt{\text{Continuous Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR)}}$ could be used to recover nutrients for plants.
- Partial P/C
 - 8. $\sqrt{\text{Carbonization}}$ heat to 250 °C & 10342 kPa (1500 psi) then cool liquid phase process
 - recover water.

for deactivation after biological processes

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	TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³		
1	4-5	1440	694	2.12		
2	4					
3	4-5	388	72.6	0.57		
4	3					
5						
6	4					
7	4-5					
8						

comment: 1. NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook. 3. NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook.

• $\sqrt{\text{Sterilize}}$ & Stabilize - This is the only method that does not require O_2 and would be most appropriate for partly open food systems.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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comment:			

- $\sqrt{\text{Pyrolysis}}$ (TRL 3) gas phase process
- $\sqrt{\text{Freeze Dry (TRL 4)}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Dehydrate}}$ (TRL 4)
- $\sqrt{\text{Steam reforming (TRL 3)}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Trash compactor}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Garbage disposal}}$

WATER

ISS Baseline Architecture

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
6	990	1269 +	
	VCD only - 65	2108(expendable)	
	-	VCD only - 48	VCD only -
		-	0.08

comment: All three tech.'s included; Mars Transit Habitat Environmental Control & Life Support System., Chin H. Lin, 1/15/98; VCD only ECLSS Analysis Tool v 2.0

 Vapor Compression Distillation (VCD) - 96% recovery of water from urine with low energy use. Rotating parts may cause high failure rate. Can have problems with recondensing of volatile organics and ammonia.

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• Multifiltration (MF) - Polishing apparatus; high expendables

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• Volatile Removal Assembly (VRA) - removes low molecular weight organics using catalytic oxidation.

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Alternate ISS Baseline Architecture

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4	TIMES only - 183	TIMES only - 56	TIMES only - 0.11
comment: TIMES o	nly; ECLSS Analysis	Tool v 2.0	

• Thermoelectric Integrated Membrane Evaporation System (TIMES) - Uses hollow fiber membrane technology, that can be unreliable. 95% water recovery. Can have problems with recondensing of volatile organics and ammonia.

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• Multifiltration (MF) - Polishing apparatus; high expendables

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• Improved Post Processor - pre-oxidizer plus adsorbent.

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√√Advanced Node 3 Architecture

Chin H. Lin, 1/15/98

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
5	1270	211 +	
		145(expendable)	
comment: Mars Tra	ansit Habitat Environ	nmental Control & Lit	fe Support System

• Bioreactor - TOC and Nitrogen oxidation using cultures of mixed microbes.

• Packed Bed Biological Water Processor (PBWP) - anerobic packed bed reactor

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• Nitrification Biological Water Processor (NBWP) - aerobic membrane reactor - O₂ delivery via membrane for nitrification

TRL
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• Membrane Biological Water Processor (MBWP) - aerobic membrane reactor - O₂ delivery via membrane for TOC reduction.

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• Biological Water Processor: (trickling filter bioreactor) - aerobic reactor without O₂ delivery via membrane

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 Biological Water Processor: (immobilized cell bioreactor) - aerobic reactor without O₂ delivery via membrane

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Magnetically separated BWP

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• Membrane / CSTR combo

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• Microfiltration or Ultrafiltration

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• Reverse Osmosis (RO) - Low energy use and low expendables, Produce s brine requiring additional treatment.

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 Air Evaporation System (AES) - Used in Advanced Node 3 Architecture as a RO brine processor but could also be used as a urine processor. Uses evaporation via a wick + condensation.

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 Advanced Post Processor - TOC and organic salts polishing by adsorption and ion exchange beds in conjunction with photolysis or photocatalysis.

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Alternative Technologies

• $\sqrt{\text{Vapor Phase Catalytic Ammonia Removal (VPCAR)}}$ - high temperature vaporization & catalytic oxidation of volatile impurities *i.e.* doesn't need pretreatment or post treatment. Uses hollow fiber membrane technology, that can be unreliable, and high operating temperatures.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4	100	68	0.24
comment: NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook.			

• Super Critical Wet Oxidation (SCWO) - Waste treatment above 647 K and 2.21 x 10⁷ Pa. Complete oxidation of organics and precipitation of most inorganics.

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3 (WRS) or 4(ARC)?	1440	694	2.12
comment: NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook.			

• Aqueous Phase Catalytic Oxidation Post-treatment System (APCOS) - Polishing apparatus that uses catalytic oxidation.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4 (WRS) or			
5(Duff & Lin)?			
comment:			

• Electrodialysis - Uses ion exchange resins and membranes to deionize water.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3 (WRS) or	460	759	0.261
4(ARC)?			
comment: NASA/ARC In House Life Support Review Databook.			

• √√Green Plants - Photosynthetic conversion of CO₂ to O₂ (See BPS section for details)

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment: TRL for water recovery			

 √√Water Recovery from Condensate - Recovered from transpiration of plants (includes gray water recovery from plants) or evaporated from breathing, skin surfaces or other sources.

TRL
2 (WRS) or
5(Duff & Lin)?

 Many other kinds of bioreactor e.g. destruction of organics such as soap in the NDS of a hydroponics system by the microbes in the root mat, continuously stirred tank reactors, etc. Composter might be able to treat heavily contaminated water e.g. urine better than other types.

• √√Photocatalysis - comsumable free post-processing^{2g}

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TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
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• Freeze purification by lyopholization (lower latent heat than distillation processes) 2g

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
2			
comment:			

• Other types of still, e.g. using solar energy directly or thermopervaporation. (The latter may be related to TIMES.) 2g

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 \bullet Other electrochemical approaches involving ozone or hydroxyl ions generated in situ to destroy organics. 2g

TRL	
2-3	

• $\sqrt{\text{Disinfection}}$ / Sterilization Technologies

• Microbial check valve

TRL
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• Filters

TRL	
9	

• Peroxide

TRL
2-3

- Phase Separation
 - $\sqrt{\text{Passive membranes}}$

TRL
4-5

• Vortex

TRL	
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• Powered

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OTHER:

• Magnetic Gas Liquid Separator - Boeing Corp. technology in testing stage. Seen at the ALS poster session at the Center for Advanced Space Studies March 1999.

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
3			
comment:			

• Multistage Vacuum Rotary Distiller (MVRD)

EXTERNAL LIFE SUPPORT INTERFACES:

HUMAN ACCOMODATIONS

• √√Washer & dryer

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
5			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Disposable & permanent clothing}}$

TRL	POWER, W	MASS, kg	VOLUME, m ³
4			
comment:			

• $\sqrt{\text{Vacuum shower}}$ (TRL 9)

INTEGRATED CONTROL

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